



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT **5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, MAINE

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AGENDA

Background material regarding agenda items will be posted [here](#) prior to the meeting.

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Election of a Council Chair and Vice Chair**
3. **Agenda Review**
4. **Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2023 and April 10, 2023**
5. **Public Comments**

Those who wish to speak are asked to come to the microphone (in-person) or raise their hand (Zoom), state their name and affiliation, and then briefly address the Town Council Chair on items not on the agenda. Comments should not be repetitive and the Council Chair reserves the right to limit speaker time.

6. **Public Hearings**
 - a. To consider a Class I – Malt Liquor, Wine & Spirits License, Special Amusement Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment and Victualer’s License for Sodexo Company, The Bear’s Den, Memorial Union, University of Maine. *[Postponed to June 12, 2023 Council Meeting.]*
 - b. To consider a Class I – Malt Liquor, Wine & Spirits License, Special Amusement Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment and Victualer’s License for Sodexo Company, Wells Catering, University of Maine. *[Postponed to June 12, 2023 Council Meeting.]*
 - c. To consider the Repeal and Replacement of Chapter 18, Article VIII Floodplain Management of the Town of Orono Ordinances to conform to the State of Maine Model Floodplain Ordinance.
7. **Acknowledgments by Council Members**
8. **Unfinished Business**

9. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda is moved and voted on as a single action with no discussion by Town Councilors or members of the public. A member of the Town Council or the public can request that an order on the consent agenda be removed and added to new business to allow for explanation and discussion prior to the vote.

- Order 23-60 Order, changing the time of the June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting from 7PM to 5PM.
- Order 23-61 Order, setting June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing to discuss the 2023-2024 Municipal, Capital and WPCF budgets.
- Order 23-62 Order, setting June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing to consider a Sewer Rate for FY2024.
- Order 23-63 Order, setting June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing to accept comments on the Proposed FY2024 Fee Schedule.
- Order 23-64 Order, setting June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing for reviewing the Orono Village Center District Development Program.
- Order 23-65 Order, setting June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing on the estimating and assessing of assessments upon all lots or property within the Village Center Tax District (Municipal District) and establishing a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024. *(Recommendation for FY24 is \$0.00/\$1,000 taxable value)*
- Order 23-66 Order, acknowledging and countersigning the warrants for the June 13, 2023 RSU#26 Budget Validation Referendum Election and setting the hours of voting as 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the polling place as the Council Chambers for Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2, & 3.
- Order 23-67 Order, changing the hours that the Registrar will accept registrations of applicants who appear in person as follows: On the last five business days before the June 13, 2023 RSU#26 Budget Validation Referendum Election, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. [MRSA 21A, Sec. 122.6.A (2) and (8)].
- Order 23-68 Order, approving the Town Clerk's appointment of Belle Ryder, Angela Kohtala, and Geoffrey Gordon as Wardens, and Suzanne Gordon and Lori Speed as Deputy Wardens for the June 13, 2023 RSU#26 Budget Validation Referendum Election for Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2, & 3.
- Order 23-69 Order, appointing current Tree Board Associate Member, Jayme Titus, as a Tree Board Regular Member with a term expiring April, 2026.
- Order 23-70 Order, proclaiming May 18, 2023 as the official day for the celebration of Arbor Day in the Town of Orono.
- Order 23-71 Order, proclaiming the Month of June as Pride Month in the Town of Orono.
- Order 23-72 Order, proclaiming June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth in the Town of Orono.

10. New Business

After orders under New Business are read by the Council Chair, other members of the Council will move and second that they be placed “on the floor” for discussion. The Chair will recognize staff to provide background and then “open the floor” for discussion. It is at this time that members of the public can be recognized to ask questions or provide comments. Those who wish to speak are asked to come to the microphone (in-person) or raise their hand (Zoom), state their name and affiliation, and then briefly address the Town Council Chair. Comments should not be repetitive and the Council Chair reserves the right to limit speaker time.

- Order 23-73 Order, approving a change in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Plan offered to qualifying members of the Orono Fire Department for future service only effective July 1, 2023; and, further, authorizing the Town Manager to execute any and all documents necessary, including the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, to effect this change that reflect the Town’s agreement to:
- a) Provide Special Plan 3C to its firefighters who work more than 20 hours per week and are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 for service rendered after June 30, 2023. Service rendered by firefighters during the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2023 remains under Special Plan 2C; service rendered during the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005 remains under Special Plan 4C and service rendered before July 1, 2002 remains under Special Plan 4N.
 - b) Continue to provide Special Plan 3C to its police officers who work more than 20 hours per week and are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802.
 - c) Continue to provide Regular Plan AC to all other employees who work more than 20 hours per week and are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter.
 - d) Continue to exclude employees who work 20 hours or less per week or who are seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 and its elected/appointed officials from participating in the plan.
- Order 23-74 Order, resolving the Town of Orono’s Support for the Community’s Graduate Students and Their Right to Form a Graduate Worker Union to Negotiate with the University of Maine System.
- Order 23-75 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Regional School Unit 26 to Lease Two (2) Offices in the Keith Anderson Community House for Adult Education Staff and Services through June 30, 2024 with a Base Annual Rent of \$0.00.
- Order 23-76 Order, appointing the Councilors to Chair the following Town Council Committees:
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| ● Finance and Operations | Leo Kenney |
| ● Community Development | Dan Demeritt |
| ● Comprehensive Plan Implementation | Cheryl Robertson |
| ● Environment | Sonja Birthisel |

Order 23-77 Order, appointing Orono Town Council Liaisons to the following:

- Bangor Target Area Development Corp Leo Kenney
- Orono Historical Society Rob Laraway
- Town Council DEIB Committee Sonja Birthisel
- Orono Economic Development Corp Sarah Marx
- Orono Economic Development Corp Geoffrey WIngard

Order 23-78 Order, authorizing the Town Manager to pay \$15,390 to SJ Rollins of Brewer, Maine for services rendered related to Emergency Server Recovery, New Server Installation, and Domain Rename with funds drawn from the approved FY23 Information Technology Department Operating Budget.

11. Future Agenda Items/Items of Concern

12. Public Petitions

13. Public Comments

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14. Executive Session

Executive sessions allow the Town Council to engage in discussions on topics that are confidential by state law. Pursuant to statute, only discussion related to the noticed topic is allowed and the session will not be open for the public to attend. In order to enter an executive session, the vote must pass with three-fifths of the Councilors present and voting. No formal action may be taken in executive session.

- a. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) for Discussions Related to Collective Bargaining Negotiations with AFSCME Council 93

15. Adjournment

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